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FM AMCONSUL ASMARA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2470

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

S E C R E T ASMARA 0064

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS(1)

TAGS: PINT, PINS, ET

SUBJECT: HIM VISIT TO ERITREA

REF: A. ASMARA 051

B. ASMARA 026

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH RADM DESTA ON FEB. 2, HE SAID GOVERNOR GENERAL DEBBEBE HAILZYMARIAM WAS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO ASMARA FEB. 3, AND THAT EMPEROR PROBABLY WOULD BE PROCEEDING FROM ADDIS ABABA TO ASMARA EITHER ON SATURDAY, FEB. 9, OR MONDAY, FEB. 11.

2. DAUGHTER OF RAS ASRATE KASSA, PERSIDENT OF CROWN COUNCIL, IS TO BE MARRIED AT RELIGIOUS CERMONY ON FEB. 19, AND IT POSSIBLE EMPEROR MAY DECIDE TO ATTEND.

3. ASMARA IS REPLETE WITH RUMORS TO EFFECT THAT EMPEROR PLANS SOUND OUT ERITREAN LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC OPINION REGARDING ERITREAN PROBLEM TO LEARN WHETHER PEOPLE WISH CONTINUE INCORPORATED AS PART OF ETHIOPIA OR REVERT TO PREVIOUS FEDERATED STATUS. THERE ALSO ARE RUMORS THAT VARIOUS GROUPS PLAN DEMONSTRATIONS TO IMPRESS EMPEROR WITH WISHES FOR FEDERATED STATUS, BUT THAT ELF DESIRES ONLY INDEPENDENCE AND IS CIRCULATING INFORMATION THAT ELF WILL OPEN FIRE ON ANY GROUPS THAT MAY DEMONSTRATE TO ADVOCATE FEDERATED STATUS. WHILE RUMORS PROBABLY ARE UNTRUE, THEIR SIGNIFICANCE LIES IN FACT THEY ARE SECRET

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BEING CIRCULALHD ON WIDE-SPREAD BASIS.

4. DESTA SAID ALL POSSIBLE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN BUT THAT IT IS EXPECTED THAT ELF MAY ATTEMPT SPECTACULAR

ACTIONS OF TERRORIST NATURE AT MASSAWA OR ASMARA.
RABIDA

SECRET

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